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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: POSSIBLE "POMPIDOU GROUP"
INITIATIVE ON THAILAND

1. GEOFFREY DE DENEY, HEAD DRUGS BRANCH HOME OFFICE,
CALLED US TODAY TO DISCUSS RECENT VISIT OF INCB SECRETARY
DITTER AND INCB STAFFER FRED MASON (BRITISH CITIZEN)
TO THE NETHERLANDS AND TO ASK OUR ADVICE. ACCORDING TO
MASON THEY RECEIVED VERY FAVORABLE RECEPTION FROM
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND HER
PRINCIPAL ADVISER ON DRUGS ROBERT SAMSON. WITHOUT
WARNING AND TO MASON'S SURPRISE DITTER FLOATED IDEA
DURING MEETINGS THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO USE THE
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"POMPIDOU GROUP" TO BRING JOINT EUROPEAN PRESSURE ON
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND TO IMPROVE ITS NARCOTICS ENFORCE-
MENT EFFORTS. MASON SAID DUTCH WELCOMED THIS PROPOSAL
AND SUGGESTED JOINT UK-NETHERLANDS APPROACH TO THE
FRENCH.

2. MASON STRONGLY SUPPORTS PROPOSAL AND HAS CONVINCED

DE DENEY OF ITS UTILITY. DE DENEY, WHO DESCRIBED PAST "POMPIDOU" MEETINGS AS NONEVENTS, FEELS THAT THIS TYPE OF INITIATIVE MIGHT PROVIDE THE "POMPIDOU GROUP" WITH THE KIND OF STIMULUS IT NEEDS TO BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE. DE DENEY DID WONDER AT FIRST WHETHER "POMPIDOU GROUP" SHOULD APPROACH THAI GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY OR WHETHER IT OUGHT TO WORK THROUGH UN. WHILE HE SEES SOME MERIT IN UN ARGUMENT, HE NOW FEELS WORKING THROUGH UN MAY BE TOO RESTRICTIVE AND THAT DIRECT, IN EFFECT BILATERAL, APPROACH WOULD BE BEST. HE ALSO HAS CONSIDERED WHAT FORM THESE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES SHOULD TAKE AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT WHILE A NUMBER OF POINTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE THAIS IT WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE TO FOCUS ON NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS WITHIN EXISTING GOVERNMENT MACHINERY.

3. DE DENEY HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSAL WITH UK FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH INDICATED "SOME SLIGHT CONCERN" THAT USG MIGHT HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL ON FOREIGN POLICY GROUNDS. WHILE STRESSING THAT INITIATIVE AT "VERY PRE-LIMINARY" STAGE, DE DENEY ASKED FOR OUR OPINION OF LIKELY USG REACTION. WE TOLD HIM IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF "POMPIDOU GROUP" AND FEELS THAT IT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN EUROPE AND FURTHER AFIELD. WE SAID WE COULD NOT SPEAK TO FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL BUT THAT WE WOULD ASK DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE. REQUEST INITIAL PERHAPS EVEN INFORMAL REACTION FROM DEPARTMENT ASAP AS DE DENEY IS EAGER TO PROCEED WITH APPROACH TO FRENCH IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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